

February 1, 2007

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Members of the Eastern Illinois University Community

FROM: Dr. Robert Webb, Chair, Presidential Search Advisory Committee

SUBJECT: Search Update

The search for the next president of Eastern Illinois University is progressing on schedule. The search committee met most recently on January 31, 2007, and selected candidates whose background and experience seem especially consistent with the presidential qualities and qualifications established for the search. At this time, references for these candidates are being checked by committee members and by our consultant. The committee will meet again on February 15, 2007, to discuss the results of our reference calls and to select a smaller number of candidates who will be invited to confidential preliminary interviews with the search committee. On completion of that round of interviews, the committee will select candidates to be asked to participate in more extensive interviews with a broad range of Eastern Illinois University's constituents. We will notify you of the specific dates and times of these visits as soon as they are scheduled.

We are very pleased with the very high quality of the candidate pool and have every reason to believe that our search will come to a successful conclusion in late March or early April.

Thank you for your interest and support.